



FRIENDS OF  
BOERNER  
BOTANICAL  
GARDENS  
*Winchester County Library Museum*

April May June July 2011

# In Season

*Nurture Sustain Preserve*

*Please Join Us!*



**SUNDAY, APRIL 24th**

*10am – 3pm*

**Afternoon with  
Peter Rabbit**

*Family & Children's Activities*

**SUNDAY, MAY 8th**

*10am – 3pm*

**Mother's Day Celebration**

*Family & Children's Activities*



**FRIDAY, JUNE 17th**

*6pm – 9pm*

***In the Gardens*  
Annual Fundraising Event**

*Watch for details*



**SUNDAY, JULY 24th**

*6:30pm – 8:30pm*

**Firefly Family Walk**

*Storytime & Garden Activities*



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# Family Workshops

Join us as we explore the cool ways that plants connect to the environment, science, art and culture. Each Saturday program includes a garden exploration walk and a hands-on project for your family to take home.

## Water Helps Us Grow

**Saturday, April 9**

Clean water is essential for people and gardens! Learn how to explore science and the environment with soda bottles and other recyclable materials. Build your own bottle biology lab and learn about the importance of clean water.

## Blooming Baskets

**Saturday, May 14**

Weave your own May basket and plant a spring flower to take home. Explore the gardens in search of fiber producing plants that can be used for clothing, paper, rope, and more. Experience downy soft cotton, tough coconut husks, and silky soft ramie.



## Plant Power

**Saturday, June 11**

Spend the morning in the garden. Participants will tour the gardens, learn about the healing power of plants and make some plant-based surprises to take home.

**All workshops scheduled 10am - Noon**

**Members - \$20 per family / Non Members - \$25 per family**

**All materials included, To register call: 414-525-5659**

**Call us for your customized Plant Science programming needs.**

## FAMILY EVENTS

### An Afternoon with Peter Rabbit

Sunday, April 24, 10am-3pm

\$5 admission; special children's activities and a visit from Peter Rabbit himself!! Cookie decorating sponsored by Edible Impressions.



### Mother's Day Celebration

Sunday, May 8th, 10am-3pm

\$5 admission; children can make special gifts for their moms and enjoy a cupcake from Milwaukee Cupcake Company!



### An Evening with Flower Fairies

Sunday, June 26, 6-8pm

\$2 admission, free to members; find fairies on our guided Garden walk, sip pixie tea, play games and enjoy flower fairy ice cream specially made for us by Culver's.



### Firefly Family Walk

Sunday, July 24, 6:30-8:30pm

\$2 admission; free for members; join us for an evening garden walk and witness fireflies' dancing lights. Learn how fireflies communicate! We'll capture and study these unique creatures and cap off the evening by releasing the fireflies together!

## BECOME A FRIENDS MEMBER!

Join, renew or purchase a gift membership.

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or phone: 414-525-5653



### From the Desk of Gardens Director, Shirley Dommer Walczak

Spring and summer are right around the corner. It's always a great time to be at the Gardens in spring and see the many different bulbs and flowering trees. We are very excited to see the new bulbs that will be coming up just south of the Education and Visitor Center. Roy Diblik of Northwind Perennial Farm generously donated spring bulbs to go along with the perennials and he also created the planting design. The Southeast Master Gardeners supplied funds for the perennials in this garden.

We bid farewell to two long time employees this spring. Ron Bahling who has been with us for 33 years and Lori Yanny who has served as a horticulturist here for 29 years have decided to retire. We wish them well in all their future endeavors and hope that they come back and visit us often. We also want to welcome Jessica Cloninger, a new Horticulturist who joined us last September. Say hello when you see her out in the Gardens this year.

This year we will be celebrating **Arbor Day** with students from a MPS school on April 29 from 10am to noon. A tree planting ceremony will be held at 10:30 am. Everyone is invited to attend and help us celebrate this very important day. The students will also participate in a "Trees for Me" education program presented by FBBG.

Our annual **concert series** will begin June 23 and continue every Thursday through the end of August. Watch for the line-up which will publish in May. You're welcome to bring your own picnic or purchase dinner from Bartolotta Catering. It's a wonderful way to spend an evening at the Boerner Botanical Gardens.

Hoping to see you often at the Gardens.  
Happy Blooms, Shirley



### Girl Scout Project

#### Hand-Painted Rain Barrel Raffle

- 4 barrels decorated by Girl Scouts of Milwaukee
- Ecological & unique garden art
- On display April 8 through May 15
- Buy your raffle tickets in the Gift Shop - \$5 each or \$20 for five

*Special thanks to our sponsors:*



#### FBBG Craft Fair *Saturday, May 1st - 10am-3pm*

Over 30 local artists & crafters. May Day crafts for kids and a special visit from the Flower Fairies!

*Great Mother's Day or anytime gift ideas!*



#### Herb Faire *Saturday, May 21st - 9am-4pm*

Thousands of Herb Plants for Sale, Dozens of Herbal Vendors, Free Herbal Workshops, Tea Room, Door Prizes, Garden Tours, & More! Presented by the Herb Society of America WI Unit.

# Adult Education & Programs

## GARDEN CLASSES

**Growing Iris for the Home Landscape**  
*Thursday March 31, 6:30pm - 8pm*

**Growing Culinary Herbs**  
*Thursday, April 7, 6:30pm - 8pm*

**Shrub Gardening Basics**  
*Saturday, April 9, 10am - 11:30am*

**The Joy of Home Wine Making**  
*Thursday, April 14, 6:30pm - 8pm*

**Small Space / Container Gardens**  
*Saturday, April 16, 10am - 11:30am*  
\$20 members / \$25 non-members

**What's New With Peonies?**  
*Thursday, April 21, 6:30pm - 8pm*

**Good to the last drop!**  
**Rainwater Harvesting**  
*Thursday April 28, 6:30pm - 8pm*

**Tips for Trouble Free Tomatoes**  
*Thursday, May 5, 6:30pm - 8pm*

**Chocolate: History & Tasting**  
*Thursday, May 12, 6:30pm - 8pm*

**Brew It Yourself - Beer!**  
*Saturday, May 14, 10am - 11:30am*

**Monarch Butterflies -  
Habits & Habitats**  
*Saturday, June 4, 10am - 11:30am*

**Coming Soon!**  
**Bees & Beekeeping Class Series**



**All classes**  
**\$10 members / \$15 non-members**  
**unless otherwise noted**  
**Registration: 414-525-5659**

## SPECIAL EVENTS

**Wicked Bugs with author Amy Stewart\***  
*Tuesday, April 26th, 6pm-8pm*  
\$20 members/\$25 non members.  
*\*author of Wicked Plants*



### Motor Coach Garden Tours Return to FBBG!

Take a day trip and travel to beautiful and interesting private and public gardens throughout Wisconsin. Please check our website for details...coming soon! Call 414-525-5664

## Garden Walk Schedule

*Traditional FBBG Garden Walks - \$5 suggested donation  
Expert led, with new topics each week! All walks leave at  
6:30pm from the Education & Visitors Center Atrium.*

**May 25**  
**Incredible Iris!**  
Linda Doffek, Iris Society

**June 1**  
**Early Season Blooms**  
Darlene Lochbihler,  
UW-Ex master Gardener

**June 8**  
**Peonies: Positively  
Pleasing**  
Renee Jaeger,  
Song Sparrow Farm

**June 15**  
**Hostas are Here to Stay**  
Marcia Wensing,  
Hosta Society

**June 22**  
**Deer Resistant Plants**  
Jessica Cloninger, Milwaukee  
County Horticulturist

**June 29**  
**Our Favorite Roses**  
Diane Sommers, Greater  
Milwaukee Rose Society

**July 6**  
**A Parade of Annuals**  
Paul Drobot,  
Perennial Landscapes  
**Tuesday, July 19**  
**Daylilies Galore!**  
Harold Steen, Daylily Society

**July 27**  
**Mixed Borders: Plant  
Combinations**  
Zannah Crowe, Monches Farm



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# Boerner Through the Seasons

## 2011 Garden Walks with Melinda Myers

Beauty can be found at Boerner in all four seasons. Join me for these seasonal garden walks and find beautiful ideas you can replicate right in your own backyard!

Fee: Member \$20/Walk  
Non-member \$25/Walk

*Class size is limited. Walks Held Rain or Shine*

*Proceeds Support FBBG Children's Plant Science and Environmental Education at Boerner Botanical Gardens*

To register or for more information call 414-525-5659 or visit [boernerbotanicalgardens.org](http://boernerbotanicalgardens.org) or [melindamyers.com](http://melindamyers.com)



*Note to parents: For the October walk, the Friends of Boerner Botanical Gardens will offer free simultaneous activities and snacks for children (ages 3-9), freeing parents to enjoy the Saturday fall garden walks.*

*We'd like to thank our sponsors for their invaluable support.*



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### Spring Sensations

Wednesday, May 18th

6:30 p.m.

Join me as we take a walk through Boerner's beautiful spring gardens. We'll see a variety of bulbs, spring blooming perennials as well as trees and shrubs that you can use to brighten up your spring landscape.

### Summer Blooms, Birds & Butterflies

Wednesday, July 13th

6:30 p.m.

We'll explore ideas for enhancing your landscape by adding colorful blooms that will welcome in the birds and butterflies, making your gardens a place for all to enjoy!

### Autumn's Brilliance

Saturday, October 15th

10 a.m. or 1 p.m.

Enjoy the color, fragrance and sounds of fall and find ways to incorporate the plants that provide them into your landscape. We'll take a look at trees, shrubs, perennials and of course ornamental grasses that can provide a colorful finale to the growing season.

### Volunteer Spring Training

Docents & Children's Education

Wed. April 27, 2011 - 10AM to 2PM

If you are not currently a member of our volunteer family, but would like to join us, please contact Jennifer Schmitz 414-525-5664 or [jschmitz@fbbg.org](mailto:jschmitz@fbbg.org)



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